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METHOD FOR THE TOPICAL TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF

INFLAMMATORY DISORDERS AND RELATED CONDITIONS

USING EXTRACTS OF FEVERFEW (TANACETUM PARTHENIUM)

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Examiner

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

Dear Sir:

- I, Neena Tierney, declare and state that:
- 1. I am a citizen of the United States, residing at 1081 Drew Drive, Yardley, PA 19067.
- I have a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University and a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from Princeton University.

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- 3. I have been employed by Johnson & Johnson since October 2000. I am presently the Staff Scientist in R&D for Johnson & Johnson Consumer Companies, Inc. ("JJCC").
- 4. I have read the above-identified application and the Office Action dated June 24, 2005 ("Office Action").
- 5. I and my group at IJCC conducted a six-month clinical study for quantitative assessment of consumer benefits of the topical application to humans of of a composition containing an extract of feverfew that is substantially free of α-unstturated γ-lactone ("Feverfew Composition"). The study was conducted among 42 women (ages 35-65 with skin types I-III) using the Feverfew Composition and a placebo formulation (which contained the same ingredients but for the extract of feverfew).

We evaluated various skin benefits on the test subjects, including the compositions effect on skin tone & texture, skin lightening, eveness of pigmentation, skin renewal, and skin matrix proteins. The results showed statistically significant improvement for feverfew active versus placebo for several of these tested benefits. The results of the study are illustrated below in Table A.

Table A.

Benefits	Feverfew Composition	Placebo
Tone &	100% of subjects agreed	63% of subjects agreed that
texture (self assessment on improvement)	that Feverfew improved	Placebo improved their tone
	their tone & texture***	& texture
Lightness	Pixel intensity increased	Pixel intensity increased
(Pixel Intensity of	(became lighter, more	(became lighter, more radiant)
selected	radiant) by 2.8 a.u. for	by 1.2 a.u. for Placebo versus
Region of Interest in UV	Feverfew versus baseline*	baseline
photograph)		

Evenness of	Feverfew increased	Placebo <u>decreased</u> Evenness
Pigmentation (Standard	Evenness of pigmentation	of pigmentation by 0.1 a.u.
Deviation of	(skin tone more even,	versus baseline
Pixel Intensity of selected	homogeneous) by 0.5 a.u.	
Region of	versus baseline**	
Interest in UV		
photograph)		
Skin Renewal	Feverfew increased skin	Placebo increased skin
(Trypophan Fluorescence)	renewal 1.2 a.u. versus	renewal 0.6 a.u. versus
_	baseline**	baseline
Matrix	Feverfew increased matrix	Placebo increased matrix
Proteins (Fluorescence	proteins (collagen	proteins (collagen crosslinks)
of Collagen	crosslinks) 0.05 a.u. versus	0.02 a.u. versus baseline
Crosslinks)	baseline***	

^{*} statistically significant versus baseline, p=0.1

Thus, the topical application to humans of the Feverfew Composition resulted in the significant improvement of various skin benefits.

6. I, Neena Tierney, further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further declare that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 35 USC §1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or patent issuing thereon.

Neena Tierney, PhD.

^{**} statistically significant versus placebo, p<0.1

^{***}statistically significant versus placebo, p<0.05